Chapter 55

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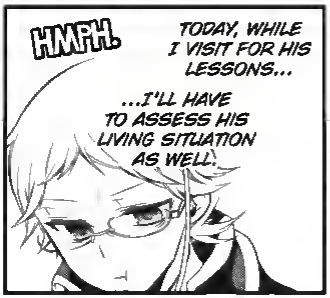
THE ROYAL TUTOR

Chapter 55
A Lifestyle Lesson

IT HAS BEEN SOME DAYS...
...SINCE PRINCE LICHT DEPARTED FROM THE PALACE WITH THE GUARD MAXIMILIAN AND BEGAN LIVING IN THE CITY OF WIENNER...
IS HE MAINTAINING A PROPER LIFESTYLE?

.....
WHOO-HOO! CITY LIVING!
YAAAY! I'M FREE!
IT'S PARTY TIIIIIME!!


HMPH.
TODAY, WHILE I VISIT FOR HIS LESSONS...
...I'LL HAVE TO ASSESS HIS LIVING SITUATION AS WELL.

SUSPICIOUS
THEY SEEM LIKE THEY WOULD GET ON SWIMMINGLY... FOR THE WORSE.

THE PLAN IS TO SET OFF FOR THEIR APARTMENT TOGETHER FROM THE CAFÉ...
I'M HERE A TRIFLE EARLY, BUT I SHALL RENDEZVOUS WITH THEM ANYWAY.
PARDON ME.
CREAK

POP
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MAXIMILIANNN...
P-
PRINCE—
I MEAN,
HERR
RICH...
UMM...

HOLD ON NOW, RICH.
NO NEED TO GET SO UPSET...
EEEEP! I'M SORRY! I'M SORRY!
YOU GOT DISTRACTED AGAIN, DIDN'T YOU!?
HOW MANY CUPS HAVE YOU BROKEN NOW!?
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
WAAAH! MASTER, YOU'RE SO NIIICE!
HERE, TIDY IT UP NOW.
MAXIMILIAN'S ONLY BEEN WORKING HERE FOR THREE DAYS. HE'S BOUND TO MAKE SOME MISTAKES.
I DID BRING HIM HERE, BUT...
MY FRIEND ...!?
GO EASY ON HIM. ISN'T HE YOUR FRIEND?
YOU'RE AN ANGEL! A GOD!!
WHY, YOU'RE A FAR CRY FROM HERR RICH AND MY SENIOR AT MY LAST JOB!
.....
YOU'RE NOT SORRY AT ALL, ARE YOU?

TEACH!
AH!
IT'S PROFESSOR HEINEEEE!
ERM...
STARE
AH!
WONDER-ING ABOUT ME?
I HAVE TO STICK WITH HIM FROM DAWN TILL DUSK AS HIS BODYGUARD, RIGHT?
IT'S BORING SITTING AROUND THE CAFÉ AS A CUSTOMER ALL DAY...
...SO I ASKED IF I COULD WORK WITH HIM.

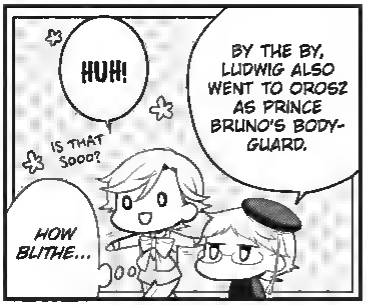
OKAAAY!
HAAH
FORGET IT. GO CLEAN UP YOUR MESS...
I WAS UTTERLY FLABBER-GASTED.
AND IT TURNS OUT HE'S TERRIBLE AT THE JOB.
I'D NEVER SET THE TABLE OR ANYTHING AT HOME, YOU SEE.☆
AH HA HA!
YES, THANK YOU.
IS THE COFFEE OF THE DAY ALL RIGHT WITH YOU?
OUR SHIFT IS ALMOST OVER, SO SIT TIGHT.
OKAY! I'M SORRY!
WHERE IS IT!?
THERE'S STILL GLASS THERE.
NOW THIS IS A TAD UNEXPECTED.
JUST AS I WAS THINKING THEY MUST HAVE HIT IT OFF, IT SEEMS I'VE BEEN PROVEN WRONG.
ALTHOUGH I DO BELIEVE THEY ARE SIMILAR TYPES.
AM III?
EH HEH HEH!
I TRY!
HEH HEH!
IT'S RICH AND MAXIMILIAN!♡ YOU'RE LOOKING HANDSOME AGAIN TODAY!

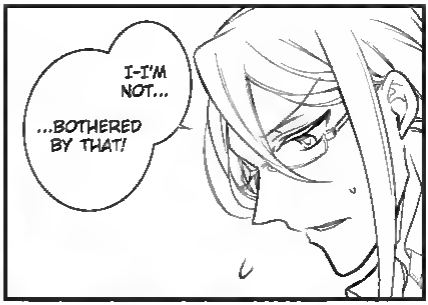
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? BUSY?
MORE OR LESS...
ACTUALLY, I'VE HAD MORE TIME SINCE TURNING OVER MY BODYGUARD DUTIES TO MAXIMILIAN.
BUT I CANNOT SAY THAT
RICH'S BABY BROTHER! WE HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A LITTLE WHILE.
GOOD DAY, SIR.
...IT WAS QUITE A SURPRISE ...
...WHEN RICH TOLD ME...
...HE MOVED SO THAT HE COULD WORK MORE SHIFTS.
IN FACT, I EVEN PUT RICH IN CHARGE OF TODAY'S COFFEE OF THE DAY.
HE'S REALLY STUDYING UP!
SINCE HE'S SHOWN HOW SERIOUS HE IS ABOUT IT...
...I'VE BEEN DISCUSSING NEW MENU PLANS WITH HIM AND TEACHING HIM ABOUT THE BUSINESS END OF THINGS.

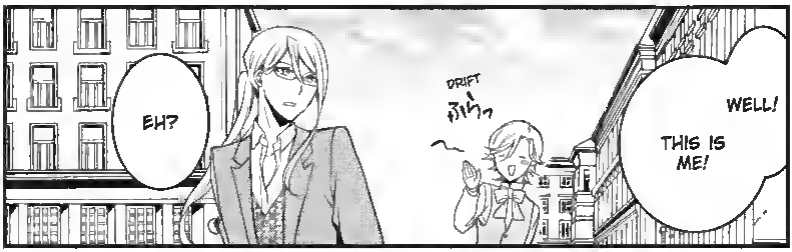
.....!
HE'S SHAPED UP, HASN'T HE?

IF RICH EVER WANTS TO RUN HIS OWN CAFÉ ONE DAY...
.....
...I HOPE WHAT I'VE TAUGHT HIM HERE WILL BE OF SOME USE.
HE LIKELY DOESN'T REALIZE IT...
...BUT HE MAY WELL BE SURPASSING ME, PRINCE LICHT'S TUTOR, AS HIS HIGHNESS'S MENTOR...
PRINCE LICHT'S ASPIRATION FOR THE THRONE...
...CHANGED BECAUSE THE MASTER IS SUCH A GOOD MAN.
HE IS AN INCREDIBLE MAN...
...PROBABLY.
HE'S BEING PICKED ON BY A NEW HIRE..
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS! IT'S NOT THAT I CAN'T FIND A WIFE, IT'S THAT I'M NOT LOOKING!
MASTER! SHALL I HELP YOU FIND A WIIIFE!?
SURE IT'S NOT TOO LATE ALREADY?

YOU HARDLY WORKED AT ALL.
GOOD GRIEF.
HAAAAH!
WORK HAS ME ALL TUCKERED OUT!
OH YEAH. I GOT THE LETTERS...
THEY SAID KAINIE AND BRUNIE ARE BOTH AWAY FROM THE PALACE?
EH!?
YOUR QUARREL WITH PRINCE BRUNO WAS LEFT UNRESOLVED, AND NOW YOU CANNOT SEE HIM FOR SOME TIME.
WHAT A PITY.


HUH!
IS THAT SOOO?
BY THE BY, LUDWIG ALSO WENT TO OROSZ AS PRINCE BRUNO'S BODY-GUARD.
HOW BLITHE...


I-I'M NOT...
...BOTHERED BY THAT!


EH?
DRIFT
WELL! THIS IS ME!

WHAT!?
PANIP
WHICH MEANS I'M FREE TO LET LOOSE! BYYYE!
WITH PROFESSOR HEINE HERE, YOU WON'T NEED ME TO GUARD YOU, RIGHT?

LAAA!
TRA LA
YOU GOT IT!
OKAAY
PLEASE BE BACK BY THEN, WON'T YOU?
HIS HIGHNESS'S LESSONS WILL BE OVER AT EIGHT THIS EVENING.
. AND EVERYONE NEEDS A RESPITE FROM TIME TO TIME.
DESPITE ALL INDICATIONS OTHERWISE, HE IS ONE OF THE PALACE'S BEST GUARDS...
.....HE'S SOMETHING ELSE...
SO SHAMELESS
SKLIF
.....
TEACH...
TO TALK TO ME?
WELL, WHATEVS. I NEEDED TO TALK TO YOU ANYWAY.
.....

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK!
PLEASE...
...LOAN ME SOME MONEY!
!?
EH?
TH-THE THING IS...
...THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING, I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TO COVER MY LIVING EXPENSES THIS MONTH.
THERE ARE STILL TEN WHOLE DAYS UNTIL MY NEXT PAYDAY...YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN TURN TO FOR SOMETHING SO UNCOOOOOL.

STUNNED
NEVER DID I IMAGINE THAT AS ROYAL TUTOR...
...A PRINCE WOULD BOW HIS HEAD TO ME BEGGING FOR MONEY...
BUT YOUR HIGHNESS...WE MADE YOU A BUDGET BEFORE YOU MOVED, DIDN'T WE?
WHAT DID YOU SPEND TOO MUCH MONEY ON?
I HONESTLY CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING.
I HAVEN'T BOUGHT ANYTHING I DIDN'T NEED...
...
LET'S CONSIDER WHAT TO DO AFTER WE ARRIVE, SHALL WE?
WE MAY FIND THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM BY LOOKING ABOUT YOUR APARTMENT.

...!
IT'S JUST AROUND THIS CORNER.
WHOOOSH

CLICK
COME ON IN!
CREAK
RIIIGHT?
MY WORD
IT LOOKS WONDERFUL... AND HAS GREENERY... THIS IS A LOVELY HOME.
IT'S ALREADY QUITE TIDY.
THIS IS OUR SHARED LIVING ROOM.
I CANNOT COUNTER THAT...
POUT
UNLIKE YOU, I LIKE THINGS TO BE NEAT.
I'M GOING TO TIDY MY ROOM SOON TOO.

MAXIMILIAN'S ROOM.
DID HE BRING THAT MUCH LUGGAGE FROM HOME?
NO...
ごちゃあ
CLUTTER
...
BUT WHAT IS GOING ON OVER THERE...?

EVEN IF I BUY LOADS OF CLOTHES FROM THE FAMOUS BOUTIQUES, I CAN STILL CARRY THEM ALL HOME.
AND I CAN HAVE THE TRENDIEST NEW HATS AND FANCY HAUTE COUTURE SHOES MADE FOR ME!
HOW CAN I RESIST!?
IT'S NOT EVERY DAY YOU GET TO LIVE SMACK DAB IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY!!
LOOK! LOOK AT IT ALL!!

NO, NO, NO!
ぼそっ
BLUNT
THAT WOULD BE THE REASON FOR YOUR EMPTY PURSE.

WE SPLIT THE BILL WHEN WE EAT TOO.
WE KEEP OUR PERSONAL EXPENSES SEPARATE, OF COURSE!
HMM...
MAXIMILIAN PROBABLY HAS PLENTY OF MONEY...
...THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S HARD UP...
I GUESS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WAGES FOR A PALACE GUARD AND A CAFÉ WAITER IN THE CITY IS SO GREAT...
.....
IT'S NOT AS GOOD AS THE FOOD IN THE PALACE. WOULD IT STILL BE EXPENSIVE?
HUH? I DON'T KNOW. I LET MAXIMILIAN CHOOSE THEM.
ARE YOU DINING AT RESTAURANTS THAT ARE ON THE EXPENSIVE SIDE, BY ANY CHANCE?
I HAVE... ONE MORE QUESTION.

DO YOU EVER COOK... ...FOR YOURSELF?
.....
...AND I DON'T SPY ANY INGREDIENTS.
I'M CURIOUS... ...BECAUSE YOUR KITCHEN IS SPOTLESS...
EVER THE PAMPERED PRINCE.
I'VE NEVER COOKED BEFORE.
ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO MAKE FOOD FOR YOURSELF? EVERY DAY?

...UNDERSTOOD.
A CHANGE OF PLANS, THEN.
TODAY'S LESSON WILL NOW BE COOKING PRACTICE!
EHHH!?

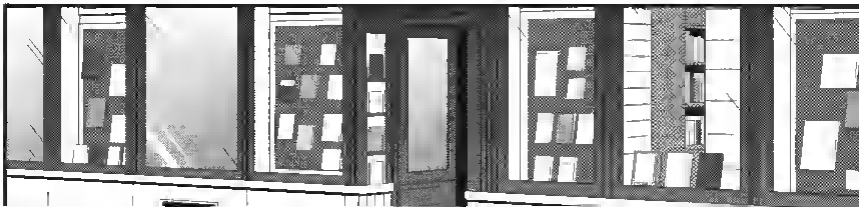
IF YOU DINE OUT EVERY DAY, YOU WILL TAKE A HIT IN THE POCKET AS A MATTER OF COURSE.
MATCHING YOUR DINING HABITS WITH MAXIMILIAN'S WILL PUT YOU OVER YOUR BUDGET.
...

AS A GENERAL RULE, COOKING IN IS LESS EXPENSIVE THAN DINING OUT.

I'VE NEVER EVEN HELD A KNIFE BEFORE.
I MEAN IT WHEN I SAY I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT COOK-ING.
BUT WILL I BE ABLE TO DO IT...?

HRMM
HMM...
THAT WAS PRACTICALLY AAAALL BRUNIE.
...DIDN'T YOU AND YOUR BROTHERS COOK THE MAIN DISH FOR MY WELCOME PARTY TOGETHER?
MAS
TER!

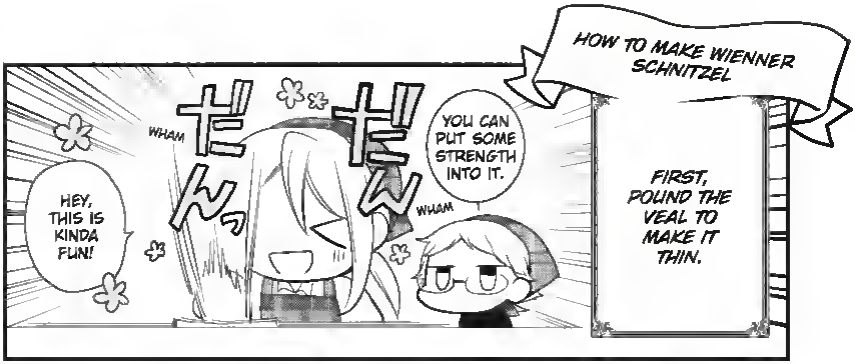
?
I HATE TO DO THIS WHEN WE'VE ONLY JUST ARRIVED, BUT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ACCOMPANY ME ON A SHORT TRIP.



WHAT DID YOU BUY IN THE BOOK-STORE?
A COOKBOOK OF SIMPLE RECIPES.
SIMPLE? IT ALL SOUNDS HARD TO ME.
LET US MAKE THIS DISH: WIENNER SCHNITZEL.
FLIP
IT IS A RUDIMENTARY PREPARATION OF DEEP-FRIED VEAL.
YOU NEEDN'T USE A KNIFE, AND IT SHOULD PROVE RATHER DIFFICULT TO BUNGLE.
YES, THAT!
THAT'S THE KIND OF COOKING I WANT! ♪

BUTTER.
LEMON.
VEAL.
WHEAT FLOUR. EGGS. BREAD CRUMBS.
WE HAVE ALL THE INGREDIENTS WE NEED.
EHH? WHAT THE HECK?
IT'S SO LAME!
I'M TOO PRETTY TO WEAR THIS!
NOW, NOW, NO WHINING.
?
PUT THIS ON, PLEASE.
SWISH

LET THE COOKING BEGIN.
YEAH!
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW YOU POSE. IT'S STILL LAME..


HOW TO MAKE WIENNER SCHNITZEL
FIRST, POUND THE VEAL TO MAKE IT THIN.
WHAM
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YOU CAN PUT SOME STRENGTH INTO IT.
WHAM
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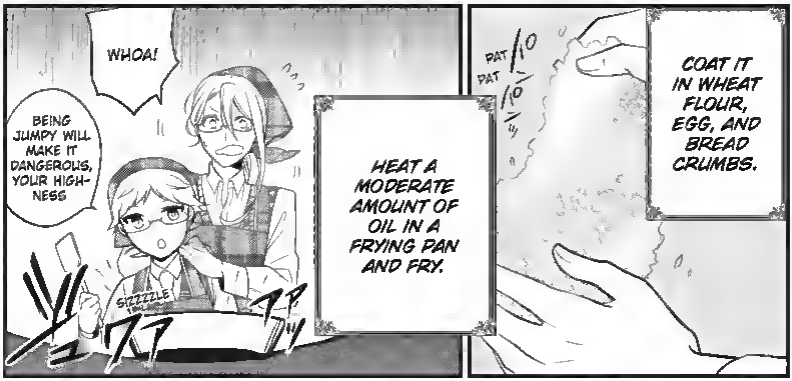
HEY, THIS IS KINDA FUN!


COAT IT IN WHEAT FLOUR, EGG, AND BREAD CRUMBS.
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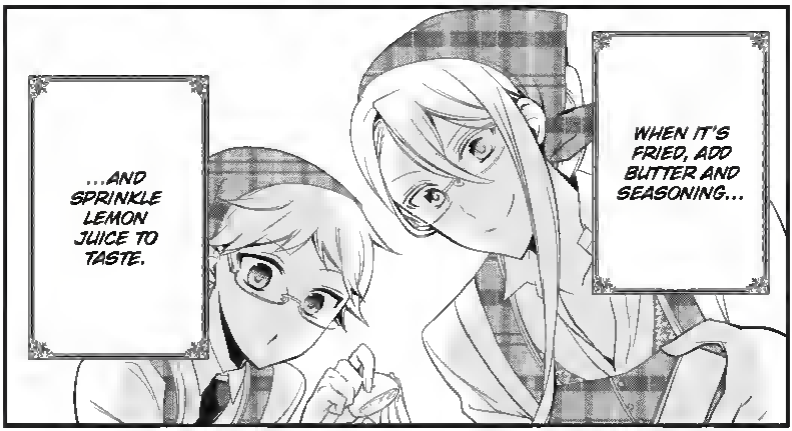
PAT
HEAT A MODERATE AMOUNT OF OIL IN A FRYING PAN AND FRY.
WHOA!
BEING JUMPY WILL MAKE IT DANGEROUS, YOUR HIGHNESS
SIZZZZLE


WHEN IT'S FRIED, ADD BUTTER AND SEASONING...
...AND SPRINKLE LEMON JUICE TO TASTE.

TA-DAAA!
IT... IT LOOKS DELICIOUS!
I'M HUNGRY NOW!
JUST IN TIME FOR DINNER.
SHALL WE EAT?
SLICE

THAT'S GOOD! IT DOESN'T COMPARE TO PALACE FOOD...
...BUT IT'S STILL PRETTY TASTY!
INDEED IT IS.
YOU DID NOT WORK THAT HARD.
IT'S LIKE THEY SAY... THE HARDER YOU WORK FOR IT, THE BETTER IT TASTES.
AH-HA-HA-HA!
IF COOKING IS THIS EASY, I CAN KEEP THIS UP, NO PROB!
TRUE! IT WAS SUPER SIMPLE!
AND PRETTY FUN TOO!

CLATTER
FIRST, SOAK IT UP WITH PAPER, THEN WASH IT.
OIL IS DIFFICULT TO CLEAN OFF.
O-OH, OKAY...
SO THERE'S CLEANUP TOO...
COOKING EVERY DAY COULD BE TOO TAXING.
...YES, IT COULD...
HAAH..
I HATE DOING IT AT THE CAFÉ TOO.
WASHING DISHES IS A LOT OF WORK.

AFTER ALL, UNTIL NOW...
...YOU'D LEFT ALL YOUR DAILY NEEDS TO THE PALACE STAFF.
PERHAPS YOU WERE NEVER AWARE OF IT BEFORE...
...BUT CLEANING, LAUNDRY, COOKING...
THESE TASKS ARE ALL PERFORMED BY SOMEONE'S HANDS.
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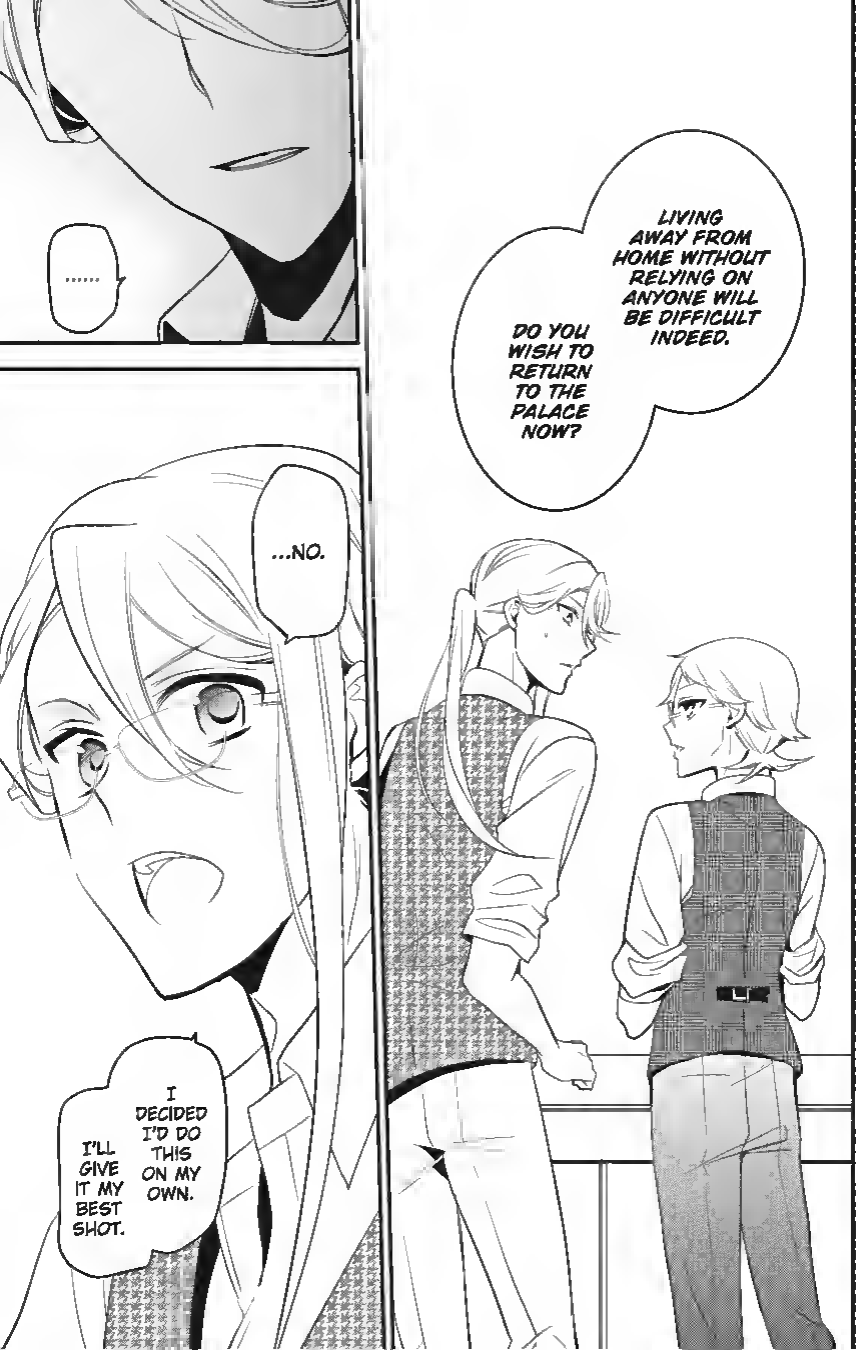
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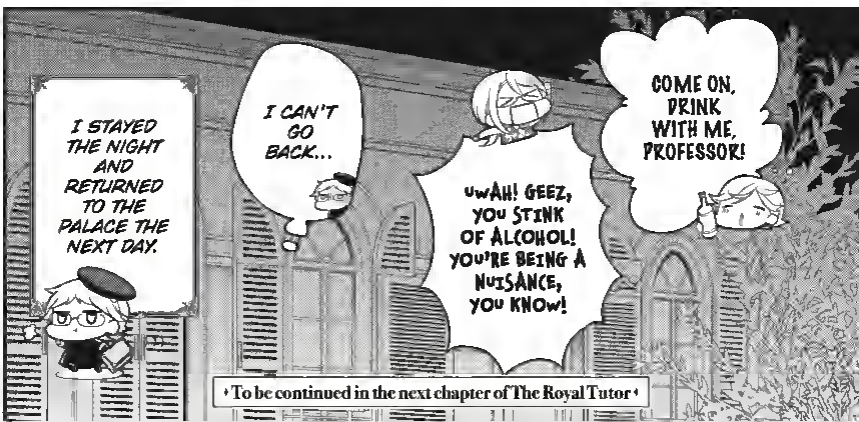
LIVING AWAY FROM HOME WITHOUT RELYING ON ANYONE WILL BE DIFFICULT INDEED.
DO YOU WISH TO RETURN TO THE PALACE NOW?
...NO.
I DECIDED I'D DO THIS ON MY OWN.
I'LL GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT.

THIS COOKBOOK IS A FAREWELL GIFT FROM ME TO YOU.
PLEASE HAVE FUN LEARNING TO COOK.
IS THAT SO?
IN THAT CASE...
SHP
THAT IS YOUR HOMEWORK FOR TODAY'S LESSON.
.....!

THEN NEXT TIME YOU COME BY, I'LL COOK YOU A DELICIOUS MEAL!
...YEAH.
EH?
REALLY?
HO
BEAM
I'M SURE YOU'LL BECOME A GOOD COOK IN NO TIME AT ALL.
YOUR HIGHNESS IS QUITE DEXTEROUS TO BEGIN WITH.
NOW, IT IS ALMOST EIGHT... I SHOULD LIKE TO BE GETTING BACK TO THE PALACE...
POP
WHERE IS MAXIMILIAN...?
I THINK I'LL TRY TO LEARN LOTS OF DISHES!
EH-HEH-HEH! IF COOKING AT HOME COSTS AS LITTLE AS IT DID TODAY, THEN I SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH MONEY FOR THIS MONTH!
OH DEAR

!!?
'M HOME, PRINSH! PROFESHOR!
MAXI-MILIAN...
UH-HEEEEH!

I BROUGHT SOME BACK FOR YOU.
DURR HURR!
EH-HEH-HEH! I HAD ONE DRINK AT THE PUB. IT'D BEEN A WHILE.♡
ARE YOU... DRUNK...?
I DOUBT IT STOPPED AT ONE DRINK.


I STAYED THE NIGHT AND RETURNED TO THE PALACE THE NEXT DAY.
I CAN'T GO BACK...
UWAH! GEEZ, YOU STINK OF ALCOHOL! YOU'RE BEING A NUISANCE, YOU KNOW!
COME ON, DRINK WITH ME, PROFESSOR!
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